

DISCRIMINATING AGAINST MOTHER

OPINIONS OF PATRIOTS AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Note—It Will Be Observed That These Men Are Out of Politics and That Their Views Are Not Influenced Either by Fear of the Women's Vote or by Lively Expectations of Favors to Come From the Women's Vote.

STATESMEN.

THOMAS JEFFERSON: "All the world is now politically mad. Men, women and children talk nothing else, and you that naturally they talk much, loud and long. Society is spoiled by it. But our good ladies, I trust, are too wise to wrinkle their foreheads with politics. . . . American women have the good sense to value domestic happiness above all other, and to cultivate it beyond all other."

GROVER CLEVELAND: "I am willing to admit that it was only after a more thorough appreciation of what female suffrage really means that I became fully convinced that its inauguration would vastly increase the unhappy imperfections and shortcomings of our present man-voting suffrage. Its especial susceptibility to bad leadership and other hurtful influences would constitute it another menacing condition to those which already vex and disturb the deliberate and intelligent expression of the popular will."

ELIHU ROOT: "I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women because I believe that it would be a loss to women, to all women and to every woman, and because I believe it would be an injury to the state and to every man and every woman in the state. The time will never come when this line of demarcation between the functions of the two sexes will be broken. I believe that it is an attempt to turn backward upon the line of social development, and that if the step ever be taken, we go centuries backward on the march toward a higher, nobler and purer civilization, which must be founded not in the confusion, but in the higher differentiation of the sexes."

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT: "If in any of the states now acting on the question I were called upon to vote, I would vote against giving the suffrage, because I think to force it on an unwilling or indifferent majority . . . is to add to

the electorate an element that will not improve its governing capacity."

CHURCHMEN.

JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS: "I regard woman's rights, women and the leaders of the new school of female progress as the worst enemies of the female sex. I wish I could impress on American women the dangers that would attach to such innovation. I wish I could show them the ultimate result of participating in public life. It has but one end—the abandonment, or at least the neglect of the home."

RABBI JOSEPH SILVERMAN: "There is no difference between woman suffrage, socialism and the present feminist movement. The one means the other and, no matter which cause wins first, disaster to matrimony and the home will follow. At all hazards we must oppose these movements; they are subversive to the best interests of the child and will destroy all that God and man have in the past years built up. I call upon you to rise in your might, to use every means at command to grapple with this, the greatest enemy we have today, and sweep it from the face of the earth."

BISHOP JOHN H. VINCENT (Founder of Chautauqua): "When about thirty years of age I accepted for a time the doctrine of woman suffrage and publicly defended it. Years of wide and careful observation have convinced me that the demand for woman suffrage in America is without foundation in equity, and, if successful, must prove harmful to society. The instinct of motherhood is against it. The basis conviction of our best manhood is against it. The movement is at root a protest against the representative relations and functions by virtue of which each sex depends upon and is exalted by the other. This theory and policy, tending to the subversion of the natural and divine order, must make man less a man, and women less a woman."

Who Is Agitating the Woman Suffrage Movement?

Not the Mothers of America. The Eight National Suffrage Leaders Are Childless Women

Who Would Vote if Woman Suffrage Came?

Not the Mothers, they are too busy to engage in politics, and they seldom vote

What Women Hold Office Under Woman Suffrage?

Not the Mothers, but those women who have been characterized as the "third sex"

Who Profits Under Woman Suffrage?

Not the Mother, nor the state, but those corrupt political influences which manipulate the controlled vote

What Is the Suffrage Attitude Toward the Mother?

Motherhood "is to Become a Protected Industry," says Mrs. Pankhurst, and Socialism adds that the State shall care for the Child.

Protect the Family and Vote "No" on the Woman Suffrage Amendment

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